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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed January 4, 2006, please amend the referenced patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.